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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116.

Dear Ms. Salas;

Yesterday, James Blaszek (Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee), Joel Lubin (AT&T), Brian Moir (e-TUG), Mary Brown (Worldcom), Richard Metzger representing Worldcom, and I met with Katherine Schroder, Paul Garnett, Gregory Guice and Geoff Waldau of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau. We notified the Staff that the above mentioned parties had formed a coalition to advance a flat-rated per line USF charge. The attached document describes the coalition proposal and was used as a basis for discussion.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Merrick".

cc: Katherine Schroder
Paul Garnett
Gregory Guice
Geoff Waldau
Richard Metzger